

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The Applicants respectfully present herewith new Figs. 7-9 which include the desired changes, without markings, and which comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84. The addition of new Figs. 7-9 are explained in the accompanying remarks section below.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 27, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, the specification, drawings and claims 1 and 11 have been amended and new claim 23 has been added. Support for new claim 3 can be found in paragraph [0026] and withdrawn claim 22, as originally filed. No new matter is presented. Claims 20-22 were withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction Requirement dated April 20, 2005. Accordingly, claims 1-19 and 23 are pending and respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Davis for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative in the interview granted on October 5, 2005. In the interview, the Applicant's representative discussed claims 1, 11, and 19, the Farrar reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,699,282) and the proposed drawing amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 11-14, 17 and 18. Claims 11-14, 17 and 18 were not rewritten in independent form as they depend from claim 1, which is allowable for the reasons submitted below.

Drawing Objection

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Responsive to this objection, the Applicants have amended the drawings by adding new Figs. 7-9 that illustrate the

convex disc member recited in claim 3, advertising logotype recited in claim 15, and the laminate recited in claim 17, respectively. With respect to claim 11, the Applicants respectfully submit that the fastening features such as magnets and statically charged materials would not be visible in the figures. With respect to claim 16, the Applicants respectfully submit that the weights would not be visible in the figures. In addition, the Applicants have amended the Specification to include descriptions of the new figures. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) and request withdrawal of the drawing objections.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Farrar. The Applicants note that claim 1 has been amended. To the extent that the rejection remains applicable to the claims as pending. The Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 15 and 19 recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested by Farrar.

Claims 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farrar.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 15 and 19, as amended, recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested by Farrar.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a disc member having an opening forming an inner rim and a fastening feature. In contrast, Farrar discloses that the top of the main body portion, as referenced by numeral 20, is taperedly indented and includes a raised wall area 23 for receiving the lid. As such, there is no disclosure or suggestion that the lid, itself has a fastening feature. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Farrar

fails to disclose or suggest at least the combination of features recited in amended claim 1.

With respect to claim 19, the Applicants further submit that Farrar fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features of the invention. Claim 19 recites, a flat disc member. In contrast, the lid 10 of Farrar is disclosed as having a circumferential flange area 22 for facilitating ease of manipulation. See e.g., column 3, lines 53 to 54 of Farrar. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of Farrar, the flange area 22 extends perpendicularly from the lid 10. As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that Farrar fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of a flat disc member as recited in claim 19.

According to U.S. patent practice, a reference must teach every element of a claim in order to properly anticipate the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102. In addition, “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628,631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). “Every element of the claimed invention must be arranged as in the claim. [t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the patent claim.” Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (emphasis added). Accordingly, Farrar does not anticipate claims 1 and 19, nor are claims 1 and 19 obvious in view of Farrar.

The Applicants further note that claims 3, 8 and 16 were not mentioned in the Office Action. The Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable at least based upon their dependency from allowable base claim 1.

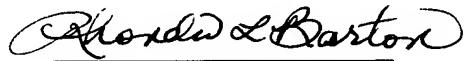
Conclusion

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance of claims 1-19 and 23, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 026079-00001**.

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